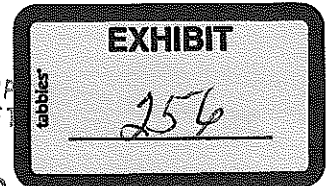


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Re: Stream flow regulations

Dera Mr. Stacey

I am writing you regarding the proposed regulations to maintain minimum water flow in our rivers and streams.

I appreciate the work to protect these natural assets for our children and future generations. I think the concept is visionary and well worthwhile.

I have to ask that the Class 4 waterways category be eliminated. The concept of possibly abandoning any of our active waterways is not the way to maintain and protect our legacy or our economic or environmental health.

This will also assure continued access to our residents of the natural pleasures including sports fishing, boating and nature walks. It will also contribute to the attractiveness of Connecticut as a tourist or leisure destination helping bring out of state revenue to us.

Please be sure the regulations do not permit streams or rivers to run dry.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely yours,